

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL TASH**, on February 10, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 402 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bill Tash, Chairman (R)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Bea McCarthy (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)
Sen. Debbie Shea (D)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Toole

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Roberta Opel, Committee Secretary

Video-Taped Committees: This is the video log of a committee hearing. The log provides a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 233, 2/10/2003, SB 261,
2/10/2003
Executive Action: HB 233, SB 261

HEARING ON HB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, HD 96, Peerless, opened on HB 233; an act clarifying the tax credit for a geothermal system.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:10pm Begin
3:14pm End
5 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

3:15pm SEN. WAITSCHIES closed the hearing on HB 233.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 233

3:14pm **Motion/Vote:** SEN. BARKUS moved that HB 233 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion carried unanimously. SEN. SHERM ANDERSON will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 261

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. EMILY STONINGTON, SD 15, Bozeman, opened the hearing on SB 261 regarding mineral rights and the recording of these rights at the clerk's office.

Proponents:

3:22pm Michele Reinhart, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
3:22pm Susan McGrath, Park and Gallatin County Citizen's Alliance
3:23pm Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents:

3:25pm Patrick Montalban, NO. MT. Oil and Gas Association
3:34pm Gail Abercrombie, MT. Petroleum Association
3:42pm John Metropoulos, Fidelity E & P
3:45pm Jerome Anderson, Encore Acquisition, Inc.
3:46pm Stan Kaleczyc, Burlington Oil and Gas Company

Informational Witnesses and Testimony:

Terry Johnson, Chief Fiscal Analyst, MT. Dept. of Revenue
John Lee, Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole & Dietrich, written
testimony **EXHIBIT (nas29a01)**
National Association of Royalty Owners-Rocky Mountain Chapter,
written testimony **EXHIBIT (nas29a02)**

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:52pm Begin
4:32pm End
10 min Elapsed time

Closing by Sponsor:

4:34pm **SEN. STONINGTON** closed on SB 261.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 261

4:34pm **Motion:** **SEN. RICK LAIBLE** moved that **SB 261 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

4:37pm Begin
4:47pm End
10 min Elapsed time

4:47pm **Substitute Motion/Vote:** **SEN. DAN MCGEE** moved to
INDEFINITELY POSTPONE SB 261. Motion carried 10-0 with SEN. JON
ELLINGSON opposing the motion. **SEN. TOOLE** was excused.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:47 P.M.

SEN. BILL TASH, Chairman

ROBERTA OPEL, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nas29aad)